

TRAINMEN ASK FUNDS

FOR PHAGAN MONUMENT

Anything From One
Cent Up

Will Be Acceptable-
Reso-

lutions Adopted

Atlanta lodge No. 720, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen Sunday appointed a committee to solicit funds for the erection of a monument in memory of Mary Phagan, murdered in the plant of the National Pencil factory. Amounts from 1 cent up will be received.

An effort will be made by the trainmen to induce the Atlanta Federation of Trades to appoint a committee to work in conjunction with their representatives in raising the necessary amount.

The intentions of the lodge are embodied in the following resolution:

“Whereas, Mary Phagan, working for the National Pencil factory, met her death in a foul manner, and by reason of the absence of means no suitable monument has been erected to mark her last resting place, and,”

“Whereas, much publicity has been given to the case and a large number of citizens of this state and county sympathize with the family of Mary Phagan;”

“Whereas, some fitting memorial should be erected in her honor, it is right and proper that the public pay funds tribute to this young woman by a small contribution from each, and that from the many expressions of respect and honor, given in this financial way, a composite memorial of public regard may be erected in her honor;”

“Therefore, be it resolved, that a committee from this lodge be appointed to solicit funds from the public for the purpose above stated and that all contributions from 1 cent up be accepted for this purpose, and that these contributions be requested up to November 1, 1913, and thereupon on the opportunity be closed and the amount so received be expended for the purpose set out in the preamble of these resolutions.”

“Resolved, further, that this resolution be presented to the next meeting of the Atlanta Federation of Trades, and that the federation be requested to appoint a committee to work jointly with a committee from this organization.”

CITIZENS SEEK PARDON FOR NEGRO DUE TO HANG

Even Woman Whom
Black Is

Said to Have Assaulted
Signs

Pardon Petition

Governor Slaton is finding it rather difficult to reach a decision on the petition for a commutation of the sentence of Lige Lane, the Clinch county negro who is sentenced to be hanged Friday for an alleged assault upon a white woman.

The judge who tried the negro, the solicitor general who prosecuted him, 95 per cent of the white women residing in Homerville, where the crime is said to have occurred, and 90 per cent of the white voters of this town have signed petitions urging

that the negro's sentence be commuted to life imprisonment, and the state prison commission has unanimously recommended the commutation.

There is considerable doubt in the minds of the people of Homerville as to whether Lane was the guilty negro, even if the alleged crime was committed. The woman who accused him is said to be of very bad character, but even she signed a petition urging the commutation.

Governor Slaton has wired the negro's attorneys to come to Atlanta for a conference. He wants to obtain all possible information on the case before he takes any action.

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TWO DETECTIVE VOUCHERS

TURNED DOWN BY MAYOR

He Refuses to Pay for
Dicto-

Graph and Refuses to Pay For “Stool Pigeons”

The city comptroller's office Monday morning returned two vouchers to Newport A. Lanford, chief of the city detectives, which Mayor Woodward has refused to sign.

One is a voucher for \$19.75 to cover the expense of using a dictagraph on Attorney T. B. Felder, Mayor Woodward and others, in the Williams house several months ago. It has been several weeks since this voucher was presented to the mayor. He states that he will never sign it.

“The dictagraph business was an outrageous piece of work, and I won't allow the city's money to be spent to pay the expense,” he has said.

The other voucher turned down by the mayor is for \$24.75 to pay “stool pigeons” employed in the detective department.

The mayor is against “stool pigeons” both as a matter of law and as a matter of principle. He doesn't believe it is legal to spend money this way, in the first place; and in the second place, he is emphatically opposed to the use of “stool pigeons” by the detective department.

In returning the “stool pigeon” voucher, the comptroller's office suggests that Chief Lanford obtain a ruling from the city attorney as to the legality of the expenditure. In the event the city attorney rules it to be legal, it is possible that the mayor will sign

this voucher, but put the detectives on notice that he will sign no more.

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“SNOWBALL” BAILEY YET

MAY BE SENT TO PRISON

Former Suspect in Phagan

Case Now Being Held on

Hold-Up Charge

If allegations by the police are proven, Gorden Bailey, alias “Snowball,” negro elevator boy at the National Pencil factory, who

came into the limelight when arrested two days after Mary Phagan's murder as a suspect, may languish in prison after all.

"Snowball" and two other negroes are charged with highway robbery. John Evans, another of the trio, was bound over on the charge Monday morning, having eluded the police since the alleged hold-up a month ago. Will Page, the other negro implicated, was bound over to the city criminal court on August 19. On the same day Bailey was held. The latter has been released under bond of \$500."

Bailey was arrested before Jim Conley and for several weeks was subjected to the same cross examining that brought forth Conley's confession, later he testified at the trial of Leo M. Frank, convicted of the murder, declaring, among other things, that Conley's character was bad.

Lon Chapman, of 79 Parson street, and Edwin Dardin, of 1 Jett street both colored, are the alleged victims of the robbery. They declare that they were held-up on Decatur street.